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CONTRACT LABOUR IN CEMENT INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether getting work done by the contract labour other than the construction work in cement industry is prohibited according to the cement wage board award;

(b) if so, whether only 174 permanent labourers are working in the production, maintenance, cleaning and packing at La Farge Cement Plant in Jamshedpur out of nearly 800 contract labourers employed there;

(c) if so, whether contract labourers are being exploited by paying them lower wages in the production, maintenance and cleaning work; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government to liberate these contract labourers from economic exploitation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a): First Cement Wage Board Award recommended that the Contract System in the cement industry should be abolished in all operations connected with the manufacturing process (including quarrying operations) except loading and unloading operations including packing.

(b): There are about 291 permanent employees employed by the company. There are 9 licensed contractors having licence to employ 995 contract labourers in the jobs of loading/unloading and packaging, civil maintenance, house keeping etc.

(c): No such incidence has been brought to the notice of the Government.

(d): Does not arise.